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1. Number of Troops

a. There are approximately 200,000 troops*on the peninsula.

Note: This figure has been previously reported but is considered too high in view of other reports.)

*[?] Soviet?/

b. There are 30,000 Soviet troops on the peninsula.

Northernmost line of Soviet occupation

Note: Previously reported as being Shihho (121-52, 39-20).)

a. The northernmost line of Soviet occupation is two kilometers north of Shihho at a village called Wushihlipao 五十里堡. Wushihlitan (121-50, 39-18)?/

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b. Tushengtzu (121-57, 39-21) is on the present defense line.

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3. Chinese Communists

a. There are Chinese Communists throughout the peninsula. No accurate figures as to the number can be given but the impression is that there are more Chinese Communist than Soviet troops.

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b. It is rumored that Chinese Communist troops are taking ship for Shantung.

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4. Dairen Garrison Commander

The name of the present commanding officer of the Soviet Garrison Headquarters in Dairen is TACPINOV (Chinese phoneticization). Before TACPINOV the commanding officer was AMATOV (Chinese phoneticization) and before AMATOV, KAOZENOV /V.U. KORZHANOV/ was in command. All three hold the rank of major general.

Note: On 2 December KOZUNOV was commander of Dairen.)

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5. Dispositions

a. (See attachment)

- (1) Dairen's "Great Circle". The old Dairen post office is now Kommandantura KONLOV's headquarters.
- (2) Billet area. About 1000 soldiers are billeted here.
- (3) Billet area. Field grade officers' homes. About 1000 persons, including families, are billeted here.
- (4) Billet area. About 800 troops are billeted here.
- (b) Billet area. About 100 troops, infantry and coast artillery combined, are billeted here.
- (6) About thirty artillery pieces are in position along the railway. Guns are spaced about fifteen meters apart and each has a crew of ten men. Caliber and type of gun could not be identified
- (7) About thirty artillery pieces are in position along this coastline.
- (8) Artillery and vehicle park. On 19 November twenty tanks, thirty field pieces and thirty trucks were seen there.
- (9) Billet area.
- (10) Hospital and billet area. There were about 200 patients in this hospital on 18 November.

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- b. In the Futaojing section of Dairen, the Soviets have a provost marshal (Colonel) and fifty gendarmes to maintain law and order.
- c. The Malanho 馬欄河 camp (Dairen) is a restricted area. The Soviets have 200 troops and eighteen 122mm howitzers, M1938, and two howitzers, M1938, 152mm, in position in the Malan River area.
- d. The Nankuanling (121-36, 39-01) fortifications contain ten 152mm howitzers, M1938, four light tanks and ten trucks. The men live in tents on the near-by hill.

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- e. Between 4 and 25 December 1946, more than 200 Soviet armored cars left Nankuanling for Choushuitzu (121-33, 38-57).

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- f. Soviet troops have moved all important military supplies in the area between Shihho (121-52, 39-20) and Chinhsien (121-43, 39-05) [redacted] Note: Chinchou station?) to Dairen.

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- g. Families of Soviet troops are being moved from Dairen to Port Arthur, but there are no other indications that the Soviet troops are being withdrawn from Dairen.

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- h. Equipment of Soviet troops

Equipment observed in Chinchou((121-42, 39-07), Nankuanling, and Choushuitzu was as follows:

122mm gun, M1931/37
152mm howitzer, M1937
152mm howitzer, M1938
82mm mortar, M1941
45mm gun, M1942
76mm howitzer, M1927

Soldiers carried the following types of weapons:

Degtyarev light machine gun
PPSH (?) submachine gun
M1943 submachine gun
Mosin M1891/30 rifle

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3. Morale and Dependents

- a. Soviet troops are very disorderly. [redacted] Soviets stripping a stalled Chinese? communist truck of tires at the point of a gun. Chinese refer to Soviets as "dogs" because of their ruthless actions.

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- b. The morale of the Soviet troops in Dairen is low because they have not been paid for some time, but they have not caused any trouble or riots.

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c. Dependents of Soviet soldiers are living in the area.

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d. Soviet troops have dependents in the area, living in first class residential districts formerly occupied by Japanese.

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Communists

a. Chinese Communist soldiers in Dairen proper are not armed and wear civilian clothes. Their headquarters is called the Commercial Company 貿易公司 and is in the building which was formerly occupied by the Nichi-Man Shoji Company. This building faces the former South Manchurian Railway building.

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b. The situation in Dairen is chaotic. Communist personnel are preparing to leave by ship for Chefoo.

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8. At Koutungtau 狗洞子 [?] Note: Probably in the vicinity of 121-55, 39-20), there are about 150 Soviet soldiers whose main duty is border patrol. Sentries stand guard in pairs, one armed with an automatic weapon (submachine gun) and the other with a rifle. The uniforms of the guards are mustard-colored. A road block must be opened to let people enter Soviet territory and guards are placed in trees to watch for persons trying to enter through the open fields. These lookouts have telephone contact with sentry posts along the border; a bell system is also used to give warning. Passes and baggage are inspected in this town. Persons suspected of being Nationalist agents are sent to Huashutun [?] Note: Possibly Huashutun (122-03, 39-17) where there is believed to be a Soviet MVD headquarters). There is a public relations office at Huashutun which disseminates news from the USSR. There are about 500 Soviet soldiers and fifteen Soviet 'Wacs' in this city.

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9. At Shihho (121-52, 39-20) there is a Soviet Command Post [?] Note: Probably a detachment headquarters), with about 400 troops. The following equipment was noted:

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- 2 57mm anti-tank guns, M1941
- 15 122mm howitzers, M1938

10. Liangchiatien (Liangchiatun - 121-57, 39-14?) has a Soviet Command Post with a major general in charge. Rumors are being circulated that an arsenal will be built in this town. [?] Soviet elements have evacuated this town.)

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11. Tuchengtzu (121-57, 39-21) has a Command Post [?] Note: Probably a detachment headquarters) under a General KAOZULOFU 高子羅夫 (Koslov ?) in charge. He was formerly the commanding general of the Soviet forces in Dairen and has now been assigned the task of northern defense. About 1000 Soviet soldiers are stationed at Tuchengtzu. Their armament includes:

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- 8 45mm guns, M1937
- 2 152mm howitzers, M1938
- 4 tanks (one heavy tank, two probably light, one medium tank)
- 10 trucks [weight and type unstated]
- a few passenger cars [number unstated]

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12. Ershihilitai (121-46, 39-12) is one of the Kuantung Peninsula's northern defense points. Approximately 500 troops, four tanks, ten trucks, and ten 45mm guns, M1937 were seen. Troops are billeted in tents.
13. Sanshihliipao (121-47, 39-15) is another northern defense point on the Kuantung Peninsula. There are 2500 troops, commanded by a colonel, who are equipped with twenty-four 45mm guns, M1937, one 152mm howitzer, and thirty trucks.

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14. The most noticeable Soviet fortification in the area is one which appears to be under construction at Shihho. Artillery emplacements there are permanent, while emplacements at other places are movable.

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15. The area south of Shihho is still garrisoned by Soviet troops. In January, Kuangtungtzu and Chienshantzu, ten li north of Shihho, were reoccupied by Soviet troops. The garrison forces consist of only six or seven infantrymen who check travellers. Chinese Communist plainclothes men also operate in the area, subjecting all travellers to a very strict search.

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16. Communist troops from the Pulantien (121-b9, 39-24) area are retreating toward Dairen, but Soviet authorities are not granting them permission to enter Dairen City.

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